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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE

1. THE POST WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING THE AVAILABILITY TO SURINAM STUDENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP OR GRANT FUNDS OF THE U.S. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION IN THE NETHERLANDS FOR STUDY IN THE U.S.

2. POST WOULD LIKE TO SET UP A LOCAL ORGANIZATION MODELLED ON THE U.S. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION IN THE NETHERLANDS TO DISTRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS TO SURINAMESE STUDENTS. SURINAM'S ALREADY EXISTING AUTONOMY IN MOST FIELDS, INCLUDING EDUCATION, AND ITS APPROACHING INDEPENDENCE, MAKE SUCH A MOVE ADVISABLE. AS FAR AS WE CAN SEE, THE AGREEMENT OF MAY 17, 1949, BETWEEN USG AND GON ENTITLED "FINANCING OF EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM" WOULD PERMIT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

3. AS A FIRST STEP, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE WITH EMBASSY THE HAGUE WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE WAY OF SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, ETC., AND WHAT PORTION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SURINAM. THEN, IF ACTION ADDRESSEES PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT EMBASSY THE HAGUE INITIATE THE PROCEDURE WITH THE GON AND WITH THE FOUNDATION IN THE HAGUE TO HELP SET UP A PARAMARIBO-BASED FOUNDATION, COMPOSED OF SURINAMERS AND OF U.S. CITIZENS.

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